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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### ***Police Memorial Ceremony***

On Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m., the San Antonio Police Department will hold a day of homage for our 45 fallen officers. A ceremony will be held in the courtyard of the Police Training Academy to remember those who have given their lives in the line of duty. Texas Governor Rick Perry will be the Keynote Speaker.

The President of the United States George W. Bush has declared May 12 – 18 as National Law Enforcement Week and Mayor Ed Garza has proclaimed Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> as "Police Memorial Day".

In the Proclamation, Mayor Garza states: "...Police officers daily sacrifice their lives to uphold the laws enacted by its peoples and without their devotion to duty and to the peoples they serve, our many freedoms, as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights, could be circumvented by persons intent on harming society...it is important that our people know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of the police department and the necessity for cooperating with them in maintaining law and order...it is fitting and proper that we express our gratitude for the dedicated service and courageous deeds of the San Antonio Police Department and for the contributions they have made to the security and well-being of all our citizens..."

For this, the San Antonio Police Department will have a Memorial Service which will be highlighted by a 21-Gun Salute, the Sounding of Taps, a bagpiper playing "Amazing Grace", and a "Missing Man" formation fly-over all done by San Antonio Police Officers. This, for the 45 officers who have given the ultimate sacrifice, their lives.

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